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Letter dated 30 November 2011 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 22 November 2011 (S/2011/730), concerning the inter-mission cooperation arrangements between the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) and the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) in view of the upcoming legislative elections in Côte d'Ivoire, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. In your letter, you sought the approval of the Security Council for the arrangements described therein. I further have the honour to confirm that the Security Council grants such approval.

Your letter specifically addresses the following:

(i) That the Security Council authorize a temporary redeployment of the three Mi-24 armed helicopters and the two military utility helicopters, with the required 60 personnel, from UNMIL to UNOCI, to be operational in Côte d'Ivoire as of 4 December and up to 31 December 2011 in order to enhance the capacity of UNOCI to meet the necessary requirements during the upcoming electoral period;

(ii) That the Security Council authorize a temporary transfer from UNMIL to UNOCI of one infantry company, comprising 150 personnel, to be operational in Côte d'Ivoire as of 4 December and up to 31 December 2011, in order to reinforce UNOCI troops in western Côte d'Ivoire; and

(iii) That the Security Council authorize a temporary transfer from UNMIL to UNOCI of three formed police unit platoons with supporting elements, comprising 100 personnel, to be operational in Côte d'Ivoire as of 4 December and up to 31 December 2011, in order to reinforce UNOCI in Abidjan.

The Security Council recalls that in its resolution 1609 (2005), the Council authorized the temporary redeployment of military and police personnel between UNMIL and UNOCI, subject to certain conditions, including the agreement of troop-contributing countries and, where relevant, the governments concerned. In its resolution 2008 (2011), the Security Council reaffirmed that arrangement, called on troop-contributing countries to support the efforts of the Secretary-General in that regard and reaffirmed the need for UNMIL and UNOCI to regularly coordinate their strategies and operations to contribute to subregional security.

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The Security Council notes that, in your letter, you indicated that you are in the process of seeking the consent of the concerned troop- and police-contributing countries for the temporary redeployment and transfers you have recommended. Consistent with the Security Council's previous decisions and in order to provide support for the upcoming legislative elections in Côte d'Ivoire, the Security Council concurs with the temporary redeployment of the personnel and assets described above, so long as you receive agreement from troop- and police-contributors and other relevant governments.

Finally, the Security Council recalls the letter of its President dated 27 September 2011 (S/2011/594), in response to your letter dated 15 September 2011 (S/2011/577), by which the Council noted your recommendation that options be kept open for the possible use of military helicopters from UNMIL to address security challenges in Côte d'Ivoire, including Abidjan, if provided with appropriate information, including the scope and duration of this temporary redeployment, as required by resolution 1609 (2005).

(*Signed*) José Filipe **Moraes Cabral**
President of the Security Council